

Daily Eagle

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 16, 1886.

Fort Riley is to be made a government instruction school for cavalry officers, and gets a two hundred thousand dollar appropriation this year.

The contract for the building of the Rock Island road into Wichita has been let.—Anthony Republican.

The fact is undeniable.

Wichita on paper claims a population of 25,000.—Kansas City Star.

It grows so fast that we don't dare to claim it on anything more lasting for fear of getting left.

Rev. Sam Jones is disgusted with Omaha. He says the average citizen would rather own a buck in the city than an orchestra chair in heaven. It's the same way in Wichita.—Capital.

Just exactly the same way.

It has been remarked that the name of every large town in Kansas consists of three syllables.—Atchison Globe.

This is rough on Lawrence and Fort Scott.—Emporia News.

And not particularly smooth for Emporia.

Clay Center, according to the Times, wants a short route to the moon. Try a line via Wichita.—Topeka Journal.

Yes, we are on the direct route to heaven, where we understand the old thing swings.

The Ex-Ex-Ex regards the meeting of the State sanitary convention as a good thing. One member concluded to invest in Wichita town property.—Atchison Champion.

He probably regarded it as a healthy place to live.—Lawrence Journal.

Yes, and a particularly healthy place to invest.

A "prominent attorney" of Osage Mission informs a representative of the Kansas City Times that the Bender family were put to death by vigilantes. That is very true, and everybody in time will believe it.—Atchison Champion.

That is not true, and no one conversant with the history of the case will ever believe it.

The Santa Fe railroad has made a proposition to the people of Morris county to build a road from Diamond Springs in that county, through Council Grove to Topeka. The proposition is that \$50,000 in bonds be voted, and they promise that the road shall be in operation to Topeka by June 1, 1888.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says that a Democrat can not be made governor in Kansas, but he furnishes material for governor of Wyoming territory, without being classed as an "offensive partisan." Let's see: Was there something said a year ago or more about "filling the leading territorial offices with residents of the territory?" Has the president forgotten it?

Yes, she has made the rifle. Winfield has got there. It was a close call, but W. B. Strong was a bigger man than the other fellow. Congratulations. If any people under heaven were deserving they were.—Wichita Eagle.

You are entirely too precious on your congratulations, old man. The fact is you are not posted. You get your news from Winfield, which is not reliable.—El Dorado Republican.

Well now maybe the EAGLE don't know what it undertakes to tell. If the Republican knows anything later than Monday noon we are prepared to listen to it, other wise not.

THE WICHITA & TRINIDAD ROAD.

Some fear of our people are inclined to be skeptical concerning the coming of the W. & T. road. Allow us to remark right here that the above road is not a windy, speculative or bluff scheme; the company means business and are doing more active work than locomotive blowing, they will ask for subsidies in due time and feel confident that they will get them, so much so that we would not be surprised to see the right of way purchased and dirt laid before an election is called. We have confidence in this road and will stay with it even if the drift wood in time scrapes us out with the tide into the great ocean of disappointment and despondency.—Harper Sentinel.

That's a faith that would cause a mountain to stir its stumps.

REVISED.

The Wichita & Western railroad company vs. Gette Feilhaber. Error from Sedgewick county. Syllabus. By the court, Johnston, J.

1. A city council has no authority to grant a railroad company a right of way over private property, nor over a proposed extension of a road which has not yet been opened or extended.

2. Where a railroad company enters upon land and constructs its road without the consent of the land owner, and without making compensation for the land taken and injured, the owner may pursue any of the several appropriate remedies and may, where the road is in its nature, design and use of a permanent character, elect to bring an action for a permanent appropriation and injury; but in such a case it should appear that the verdict and judgment included damages for the entire injury and it should also clearly appear from the pleadings, or from the evidence, findings and judgment, what interest in the land the owner has parted with, and also what interest has been acquired by the company.

3. It is the right of the parties to have important questions of fact that are laid on competent testimony, and which are within the issues of the case, submitted to the jury, and answered upon request; and under the facts and circumstances of this case, the refusal of this right was material error.

All the justices concurring.

A true copy.

Attest: C. J. Brown, Clerk Supreme Court.

[SEAL.]

The progress and development of Kansas, says the Burlington Chronicle, the past six years have been wonderful, greater in proportion than at any other time except the few years following the war and far greater in the aggregate than at any other period in the state's history. In 1880 we had 996,696 people. The recent census makes our population over 1,400,000. The assessment of property for taxable purposes was \$160,901,988.43. Now it is \$277,119,683.52, or an increase of over seventy per cent in six years. In that time twelve new counties have been organized, large cities have been built, great lines of railroad have been constructed. Such an area of development has never been known in the history of this or any other land. If the present growth be kept up, the next national census will show our state more than double in every element of prosperity.

The Chicago Tribune says: The appointment of Colonel Thomas Moonlight, of Kansas, to be the governor of Wyoming territory, cast a very dark shadow over the hopes of several prominent aspirants for the position, and has given cause for many unpleasant reflections.

DARLINGTON DOTS.

DARLINGTON, I. T., Dec. 13, 1886.

To the Editor of Eagle.

The present session of congress is expected to take some positive action on the Oklahoma question, and if the wishes and needs of the people of the United States are considered, their desires should not be disappointed.

Of the present status of the country in question, there can be no legal doubt, that it is not open to settlement by whites, but the area of public land is becoming diminished yearly to such an extent, that all surplus land—Indian or other, must eventually be put upon the books of the general land office, for homestead and preemption entry. The Indian title must sooner or later be extinguished. This can be but a matter of a few years only. The whole public domain now open to settlement embraces less than six hundred million acres, one third of which is mountain land, which while valuable for timber privileges, is not susceptible of tillage. One-half of the balance is swamp land, mainly on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and Mississippi bottoms, leaving less than two hundred million of acres suitable for agricultural purposes, beyond that vast body of land, known as the Indian Territory, embracing within its borders, land as fair as the sun ever shone on, now lying fallow, because the owners have more than they can possibly cultivate.

A sickly sentimentality has assigned the Indians of this country, rights and privileges which have never before in the history of the world been accorded to conquered savages. Treaties were made with them in the nation's infancy and reservations given them in a country, which at the time never entered the mind of the most ardent visionary, would be in less than half a century surrounded by civilization. Land beyond their utmost possible needs was solemnly granted to them by treaty, simply because no one then living supposed it would be needed by a higher civilization, and to-day we are face to face with a question upon which the welfare of hundreds depends.

A Democratic president has seen fit to thwart the wishes of the people in neglecting to appoint the commission authorized by congress to treat with the tribes holding Oklahoma by treaty, on the ground that the appointment of the commission was optional with, not obligatory upon him. His advisors have now taken alarm, and are recommending the action which but lately they neglected. Two years delay has been created, and more time must yet be consumed before entrance into this promised land is free to all. But the question can be materially expedited if the project of the Indian office, as lately promulgated, be carried out; that is, to remove all Indians west of the ninety-eight degree longitude to the east of that meridian, and then open up this vacated territory to white settlement.

This is, however, simply a sop to Cerberus. The wants of the people may be appeased for a time with this slice, but the time will surely come when the Indian must have only the same land privileges as his white neighbor. The whole territory must be occupied and titles in severalty given for each and every acre of this grand domain. A far sighted and wise policy demands the opening up of the whole country, after dealing justly and fairly by the present population. Give the Indian, normal or civilized, the first chance; make his title inalienable for a generation of twenty-one years, if necessary, but this dark spot of uncultivated land, bearing in its bosom all that goes to make the real wealth of a nation, must be wiped out of the future maps of this country. Already great trunk lines of railways are planting on its face the slender threads which must eventually grow into stronger and stronger bonds to burst asunder the fetters our forefathers unknowingly put upon this land. To the present congress the people of the frontier look for help, and the over-crowded cities are waiting to turn their surplus population into this channel of relief. The Indian must take his chances with the great body of citizens and cease to be a burden and taxation upon his white brother. In no other way can this be done. We may go on for years feeding and educating him, using our best endeavors to bring him up to the plane of white civilization, by moral suasion, to find in the future, as in the past, our endeavors in this regard, will be futile. Necessity must be the sole arbiter in the end, and when the red man finds it to be a question of self support or starvation, he will work as willingly and as perseveringly as his pale-faced brother now does, and he will never recognize his own manhood until he does.

Oklahoma, in its restricted sense, embraces but a small portion of this land, situated geographically in such a manner that its entry into the sisterhood of states, would at present be awkward and ill-advised. A radical cure is attainable only by a complete regulation of the whole matter, and with less than a perfect cure the people of the country will be contented for a short time only. CYMON.

GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

The "boom" has reached us in full force. The location of the Missouri Pacific depot on North Main street seems to give a new impetus to the real estate boom in that part of the city. A large amount of city property changed hands last week, prices varying from \$200 to \$3,000. One lot sold for \$200 and the purchaser was offered \$500 an hour afterward. The fact of the bonds to the Missouri Pacific having carried by an almost unanimous vote, and the grading of the road bed being pushed rapidly to this point, leaves no doubt as to the future of Great Bend.

It is pleasant to note that some of Wichita's capitalists consider this a profitable place for investments, and are backing up their judgment with the cash and have secured some choice bargains in real estate in this city. Great Bend promises the biggest boom in the next twelve months of any city in Kansas.

A wreck occurred Monday on the Rush Center branch of the A. T. & S. F. railroad, caused by a brakeman leaving the switch open and allowing a through freight on the main line to pass over onto the branch and collide with a construction on that road. Both engines were badly damaged, but no lives were lost.

A grand mask ball will be given at the opera house Christmas eve under the auspices of the "C. A." club of this city.

Some of the real estate men are having a little fun before his honor, A. J. Buckland, telling the whys and wherefores that they doeth things thusly. The way of the transgressor is not smooth.

The contract is let for the erection of a lot of new brick business blocks on Main street, which will be an ornament to that thoroughfare. "C."

BLUFF CITY, KANSAS.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

We read a Bluff City letter yesterday in the EAGLE of the 9th, that must have been written some time ago. It says there are "nine or ten good buildings up," so there was then, very likely, but time works wonders in this electric town. Today there is nearly forty; thirty of them better than any town of the same age in Kansas, can show. There are fifteen or twenty business houses, none of which cost less than \$500, most of them considerable more. The hotel will cost \$7,000 without furniture. It will have a large, fine office, two dining rooms, large parlor on the second floor and about thirty other rooms. It is the company's intention to build a fine house and have it kept in first-class style so that visitors to Bluff City may have great rate accommodations during their stay. By the plan of the yards in the engineer's office, we see there is to be a passenger and freight depot, round house, engine repair shop and car repair shop. There are eight or ten teams at work grading the main street and the depot grounds. Nothing that money and good taste can do will be wanting to improve the town. The railroad people from here to St. Louis are investing in property, and many of them will make this their headquarters. The building boom keeps right along and nothing will check it but very bad weather. If it stops at all this winter it will break out early in the spring, as there are seven or eight brick and stone houses going up as soon as spring opens. With the possible exception of Kiowa no town in this part of Kansas ever had such a boom. The wise regulation of the town lot company that no business lots would be sold unless the buyer contracted to build in a given time a building not less than 20x40 feet, are putting lots at what some might consider a high price, has brought in people with means, and kept out mean little buildings. Already Main street shows a better lot of fronts than many towns of ten years of age. The active men of the town company are John A. Young, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who is having plans made for a fine house which he expects to make his future home, James N. Young, of Chicago; L. D. Latham, of L. D. Latham & Co., builders of the K. C. & S. W. railroad, and Ed. P. Green, of Winfield. Mr. Latham is having plans made for house to be built in the spring, when he will remove here. These gentlemen are energetic, have plenty of money to back their good taste and have enlisted the hands of such men and by the great Frisco railroad and surrounded by such a country as southern Harper county, to look for a big town is to be consistent, to cry failure is malicious and displays jealousy rather than judgment.

Over thirty thousand dollars worth of lots have been sold and the demand continues. Snyder, Glover & Co., are receiving orders and inquiries for lots from all directions and in every mail. Parties desiring information should write them at once.

For business, for health, for a home, Bluff City has many inducements to offer. Plenty of pure, soft water, a lovely country, productive soil, and a Southern Kansas climate are among the advantages this favored spot possesses. While our friends in the north are wallowing in snow with the mercury below zero, we are enjoying almost summer weather with scores of mechanics at work, building a town that will soon find together in friendship and traffic, thousands of people that now are strangers. Enterprise and money are at work changing this once quiet spot into a bustling city. Already commerce seeks a new channel; societies are planning to build new churches, schools will be provided, homes erected and beautified, and in two years more will be accomplished than thirty years would do in an old eastern state. If the world was full of Kansas men, the Almighty would have to create an addition inside of a year.

With all our bustle and boom, and congratulating of so many that were so lately strangers, there has been nothing but the best of order. No violation of law; not a drunken man has been seen on our streets, except a fool that came over from Caldwell, that should never have been allowed to drive a team.

A letter that describes Bluff City this week, will be too old the next, and if the mail delays this letter it will not be a full description of what is done here by the time it is printed. G.

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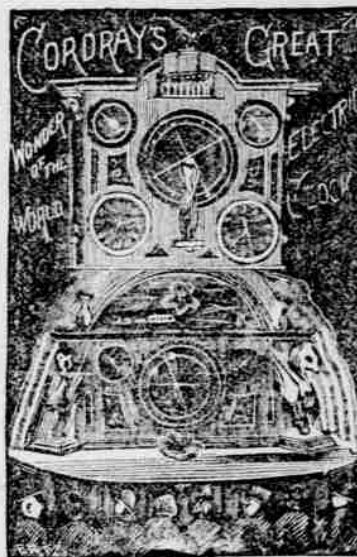
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